

Minutes
Seaside Municipal Airport Committee
September 27 2022
6:00 P.M.

Call to order

Approve minutes from the previous meeting: Roy Bennett moved to approve, Joyce Hunt seconded, unanimous.

Additions to the agenda: none

Members Present: Christine Binnicker, Joyce Hunt, Dale McDowell, Roy Bennett, Randall Henderson, Randy Frank, Mark Tolan, Bruce Francis. **Members Absent:** Dianne Widdop.

Guests Present: Jeff Gage, Philip Mancill, Deanna Mancill

Guest introductions, comments from the floor: Philip Mancill asked what was the reason and incentive for Gearhart to amend the zoning change. Deanna Mancill echoed the desire for more information and expressed concern that the change would be a pathway to significant airport expansion and development. Randall Henderson, Jeff Gage and Dale McDowell explained the zoning change request only applies to a relatively small area of existing airport property and is intended to unify the airport zoning to comply with federal and state guidelines, and ensure that zoning doesn't become a barrier to any future grants that help with maintaining safety features of the facility. It was further explained that there are no current plans to extend the runway nor build structures on the acreage in question regardless of any zoning change.

Infrastructure / Improvements / Funding

Federal & state projects / grants, CIP, PMP: Dale McDowell reports OR state PMP has still not happened and he isn't sure about next year. Layout for additional hangars was presented and feedback from contract engineering firm in Arizona is being sought as part of the next ALP update. Randy Frank asked about the threshold for funding and was informed it is 10 based aircraft. Discussion around ways to increase the number of hangar bays to 10 or more. One challenge is that not all aircraft currently occupying the hangars have current registrations. On the other hand the existing hangars can conceivably accommodate more than one aircraft each (one at least has done so in the past).

City budgeted projects (tiedowns, pavement repairs): Nothing new to report.

Port of Astoria request: Nothing new to report.

Maintenance / Safety / Security

Airside (runway/taxiways, navigational aids: wind socks, beacon, lights/reflectors) nothing to report.

Groundskeeping: Jeff Gage suggested grass mediation was needed on the pavement and Dale McDowell was going to look into wetland-friendly options. Randall Henderson has purchased a riding mower, and airport tenants have volunteered to take turns doing mowing to supplement the city's efforts.

Trespassing & Security: Nothing new to report

Cameras/website / internet (tourism dept. help?): Nothing new to report

Condition of gates, locks, fencing, signage: Nothing new to report

Operations

Local: Nothing new to report

Visitors/logs: Moderate month of traffic

Commercial, charters, air tours: Two visits by charters reported

Military: One from Camp Rilea reported

Services / Promotion / Events

Shed: Dale McDowell reported as finished, to much acclaim.

Bikes & equipment: Randall Henderson reported he surveyed inventory, made some repairs and it is in good shape.

Signage, reader boards, city maps, sign-in box: Randy Frank refreshed inventory of tourism brochures.

Hangars: Already discussed in infrastructure / improvements.

Website & social media: Randall Henderson reported the addition of a list of charter operators operating to Seaside on the reader board and website has been generating good traffic online.

Regulatory Review

Airport zoning / Gearhart: The RA zoning question is outstanding, Dale McDowell will ask City Planner of Seaside for feedback on the process to make a formal request to resolve the zoning issue.

Committee member reports**Good of the order****Next scheduled meeting**

Date: Tuesday November 22, 2022

Location: City Hall